

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 24 have been amended to bring them into line with the amendments made during the International Phase in this application. No new matter is entered.

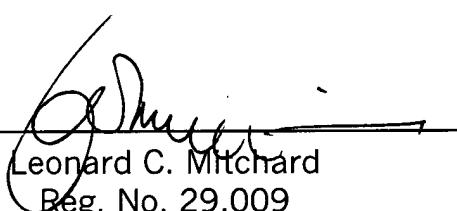
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page/s is/are captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Action on this application is awaited.

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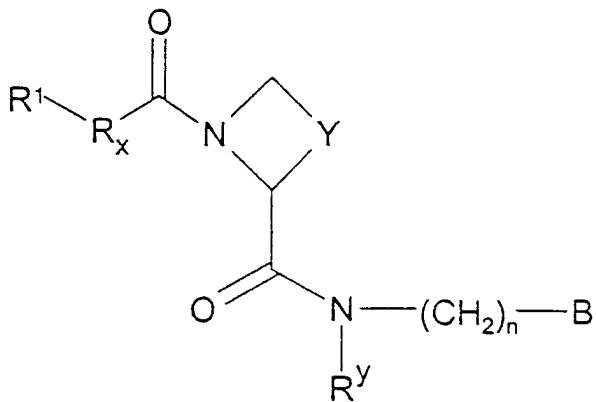
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A compound of formula I,



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> represents H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from cyano, halo, OH, C(O)OR<sup>1a</sup> or C(O)N(R<sup>1b</sup>)R<sup>1c</sup>) or OR<sup>1d</sup>;

R<sup>1d</sup> represents H, C(O)R<sup>11</sup>, SiR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, which latter group is optionally substituted or terminated by one or more substituent selected from OR<sup>15</sup> or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>R<sup>16</sup>;

R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> independently represent H, phenyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>16</sup> represents C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl, OH, C(O)OR<sup>17</sup> or C(O)N(H)R<sup>18</sup>;

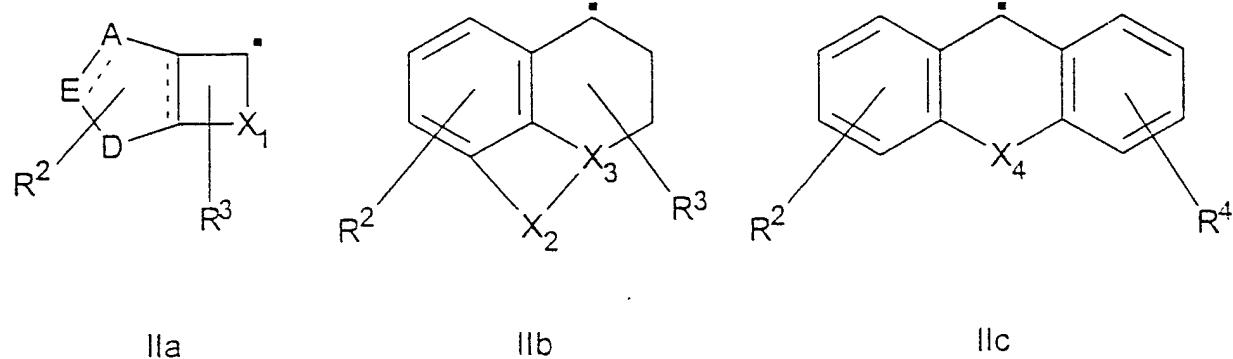
R<sup>18</sup> represents H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or CH<sub>2</sub>C(O)OR<sup>19</sup>;

R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> independently represent H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkylphenyl;

R<sup>1a</sup>, R<sup>1b</sup>, R<sup>1c</sup>, R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> independently represent H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

q represents 0, 1 or 2;

$R_x$  represents a structural fragment of formula IIa, IIb or IIc,



wherein

the dotted lines independently represent optional bonds;

A and E independently represent O or S, CH or  $CH_2$  (as appropriate), or N or  $N(R^{21})$  (as appropriate);

D represents  $-CH_2-$ , O, S,  $N(R^{22})$ ,  $-(CH_2)_2-$ ,  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-CH_2N(R^{22})-$ ,  $-N(R^{22})CH_2-$ ,  $-CH=N-$ ,  $-N=CH-$ ,  $-CH_2O-$ ,  $-OCH_2-$ ,  $-CH_2S-$  or  $-SCH_2-$ ;

$X_1$  represents  $C_{2-4}$  alkylene;  $C_{2-3}$  alkylene interrupted by Z;  $-C(O)-Z-A^1-$ ;  $-Z-C(O)-A^1-$ ;  $-CH_2-C(O)-A^1-$ ;  $-Z-C(O)-Z-A^2-$ ;  $-CH_2-Z-C(O)-A^2-$ ;  $-Z-CH_2-C(O)-A^2-$ ;  $-Z-CH_2-S(O)_m-A^2-$ ;  $-C(O)-A^3$ ;  $-Z-A^3-$ ; or  $-A^3-Z-$ ;

$X_2$  represents  $C_{2-3}$  alkylene,  $-C(O)-A^4-$  or  $-A^4-C(O)-$ ;

$X_3$  represents CH or N;

$X_4$  represents a single bond, O, S, C(O),  $N(R^{23})$ ,  $-CH(R^{23})-$ ,  $-CH(R^{23})-CH(R^{24})-$  or  $-C(R^{23})=C(R^{24})-$ ;

$A^1$  represents a single bond or  $C_{1-2}$  alkylene;

$A^2$  represents a single bond or  $-CH_2-$ ;

$A^3$  represents  $C_{1-3}$  alkylene;

$A^4$  represents C(O) or  $C_{1-2}$  alkylene;

Z represents, at each occurrence, O,  $S(O)_m$  or  $N(R^{25})$ ;

$R^2$  and  $R^4$  independently represent one or more optional substituents

selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy (which latter two groups are optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), methylenedioxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, C(O)OR<sup>26</sup>, SR<sup>26</sup>, S(O)R<sup>26a</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>26a</sup> or N(R<sup>27</sup>)R<sup>28</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> represents one or more optional substituents selected from OH, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (optionally substituted by one or more halo group), or N(R<sup>29a</sup>)R<sup>29b</sup>;

R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>29a</sup> and R<sup>29b</sup> independently represent H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C(O)R<sup>30</sup>;

R<sup>26</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>26a</sup> represents C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> independently represent H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C(O)R<sup>30</sup>, or together represent C<sub>3-6</sub> alkylene, thus forming a 4- to 7-membered ring, which ring is optionally substituted, on a carbon atom that is  $\alpha$  to the nitrogen atom, with an =O group;

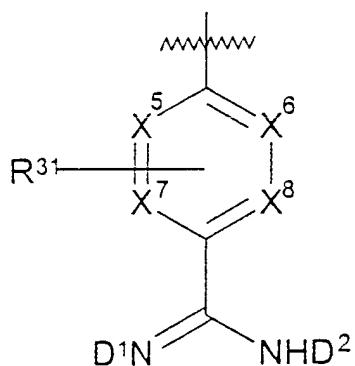
R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup>, R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup> and R<sup>30</sup> independently represent, at each occurrence, H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

Y represents CH<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CH=CH (which latter group is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl), (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH or CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub> (which latter three groups are optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, methylene, =O or hydroxy);

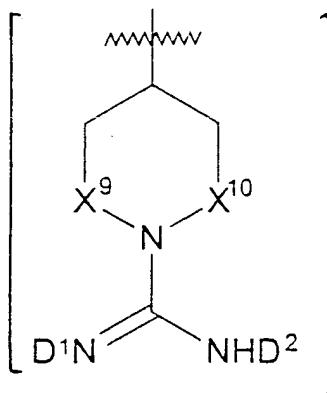
R<sup>y</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

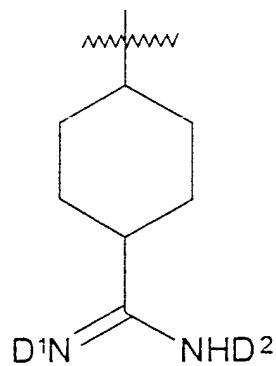
B represents a structural fragment of formula IIIa[IIIb]or]IIIc



IIIa



IIIb



IIIc

wherein

X<sup>5</sup>, X<sup>6</sup>, X<sup>7</sup> and X<sup>8</sup> independently represent CH, N or N-O;

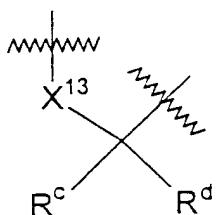
[X<sup>9</sup> and X<sup>10</sup> independently represent a single bond or CH<sub>2</sub>.]

R<sup>31</sup> represents an optional substituent selected from halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl (which group is optionally substituted by one or more halo group), N(R<sup>32</sup>)R<sup>33</sup>, OR<sup>34</sup> or SR<sup>35</sup>;

R<sup>32</sup> and R<sup>33</sup> independently represent H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C(O)R<sup>36</sup>;

R<sup>34</sup>, R<sup>35</sup> and R<sup>36</sup> independently represent H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

one of D<sup>1</sup> and D<sup>2</sup> represents H, and the other represents H, OR<sup>a</sup>, NHR<sup>a</sup>, C(=X<sup>11</sup>)X<sup>12</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, or D<sup>1</sup> and D<sup>2</sup> together represent a structural fragment of formula IVa:-



IVa

R<sup>a</sup> represents H or -A<sup>5</sup>[X<sup>14</sup>]<sub>n</sub>[C(O)]<sub>r</sub>R<sup>e</sup>;

R<sup>b</sup> represents -A<sup>5</sup>[X<sup>14</sup>]<sub>n</sub>[C(O)]<sub>r</sub>R<sup>e</sup>;

A<sup>5</sup> represents, at each occurrence, a single bond or C<sub>1-12</sub> alkylene (which alkylene group is optionally interrupted by one or more O, S(O)<sub>m</sub> and/or

N(R<sup>f</sup>) group, and is optionally substituted by one or more of halo, OH, N(H)C(O)R<sup>g</sup>, C(O)N(R<sup>g</sup>)R<sup>h</sup>, C<sub>3-7</sub>-cycloalkyl (which cycloalkyl group is optionally interrupted by one or more O, S(O)<sub>m</sub> and/or N(R<sup>f</sup>) group and/or is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, halo, =O or =S), Het and C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl (which aryl and Het groups are themselves optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, halo, cyano, C(O)OR<sup>g</sup>, C(O)N(R<sup>g</sup>)R<sup>h</sup> and N(R<sup>f</sup>)R<sup>g</sup>);

R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup> both represent H; or one of R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-7</sub> alkoxy and the other represents C<sub>1-7</sub> alkyl (which alkyl group is optionally interrupted by one or more O atoms); or R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup> together represent C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, which cycloalkyl group is interrupted by one or more O, S(O)<sub>m</sub> and/or N(R<sup>f</sup>) group;

R<sup>e</sup> represents, at each occurrence, H, C<sub>1-12</sub> alkyl (which alkyl group is optionally interrupted by one or more O, S(O)<sub>m</sub> and/or N(R<sup>f</sup>) group, and/or is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, OH, N(H)C(O)R<sup>g</sup> and C(O)N(R<sup>g</sup>)R<sup>h</sup>), A<sup>7</sup>-C<sub>3-7</sub>-cycloalkyl (which cycloalkyl group is optionally interrupted by one or more O, S(O)<sub>m</sub> and/or N(R<sup>f</sup>) group and/or is substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, halo, =O and =S), A<sup>7</sup>-C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl or A<sup>7</sup>-Het (which aryl and Het groups are optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, halo, cyano, C(O)OR<sup>g</sup>, C(O)N(R<sup>g</sup>)R<sup>h</sup> and N(R<sup>f</sup>)R<sup>g</sup>);

A<sup>7</sup> represents a single bond or C<sub>1-7</sub> alkylene (which alkylene group is optionally interrupted by one or more O, S(O)<sub>m</sub> and/or N(R<sup>f</sup>) group, and/or are optionally substituted by one or more of halo, OH, N(H)COR<sup>g</sup> and CON(R<sup>g</sup>)R<sup>h</sup>);

Het represents, at each occurrence, a five- to ten-membered heteroaryl group, which may be aromatic in character, containing one or more nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atoms in the ring system;

n and r independently represent 0 or 1;

X<sup>11</sup>, X<sup>12</sup> and X<sup>14</sup> independently represent O or S;

X<sup>13</sup> represents O or N(R<sup>f</sup>);

R<sup>f</sup> represents, at each occurrence, H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C(O)R<sup>g</sup>;

R<sup>g</sup> and R<sup>h</sup> independently represent, at each occurrence, H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

and

m represents, at each occurrence, 0, 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

provided that:

- (a) A and E do not both represent O or S;
- (b) E and D do not both represent O or S;
- (c) when R<sup>1</sup> represents OR<sup>1d</sup> and X<sub>1</sub> represents -C(O)-Z-A<sup>1</sup>,  
-Z-CH<sub>2</sub>-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-A<sup>2</sup>- or -Z-C(O)-Z-A<sup>2</sup>, then A<sup>1</sup> or A<sup>2</sup> (as appropriate) do not represent a single bond;
- (f) when X<sub>4</sub> represents -CH(R<sup>23</sup>)-, R<sup>1</sup> does not represent OH;
- (g) when A<sup>5</sup> represents a single bond, then n and r both represent 0;
- (f) when A<sup>5</sup> represents C<sub>1-12</sub> alkylene, then n represents 1;
- (g) when A<sup>5</sup> represents -CH<sub>2</sub>- , n is 1 and r is 0, then R<sup>e</sup> does not represent H; and
- (h) the compound is not:-  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Pro-Pab;  
(R)- or (S)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Pro-Pab;  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;

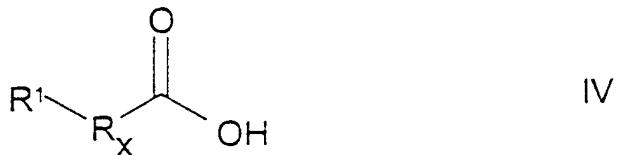
(R)- or (S)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab;  
1-hydroxy-5-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
1-hydroxy-5,7-dimethyltetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
1-hydroxy-7-aminotetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
1-hydroxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
(R)- or (S)-7-methoxy-1-methyltetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab;  
4-hydroxy-6-methoxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x OAc;  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-4-methoxyindan-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab;  
1-hydroxy-5-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(OH);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(OH);  
4-hydroxy-6-methoxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(OH);  
4-hydroxy-6-methoxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(OMe);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab-(C(O)OCH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab-(C(O)OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>);  
7-methoxy-1-allyltetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-chlorotetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Pro-Pab;  
1-n-propyl-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
6-chloro-4-hydroxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
4-hydroxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
6,8-dichloro-4-hydroxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
6-fluoro-4-hydroxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
4-hydroxy-6-methylchroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
8-chloro-4-hydroxy-6-methoxychroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
6-chloro-4-hydroxy-8-methylchroman-4-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc;  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(O-C(O)-i-Pr);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(O-C(O)-Et);

(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(O-C(O)-Ch);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(O-allyl);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(O-Bzl);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab-  
(CO-O-methallyl);  
1-hydroxy-7-aminotetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(OH);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab(O-Val);  
(S)- or (R)-1-hydroxy-7-methoxytetralin-1-yl-C(O)-Aze-(Me)Pab; or  
9-hydroxyfluoren-9-yl-C(O)-Aze-Pab x HOAc.

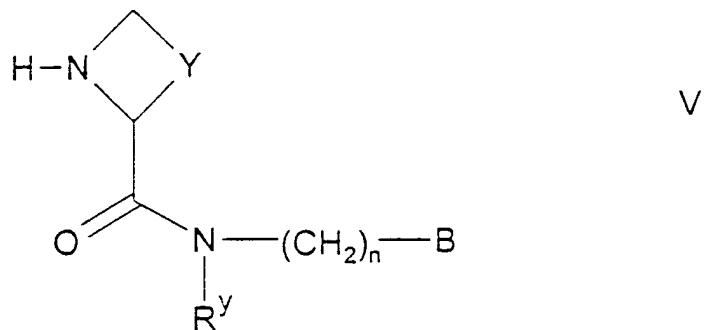
24. (Amended) A process for the preparation of formula I which

comprises:

- (i) the coupling of a compound of formula IV,

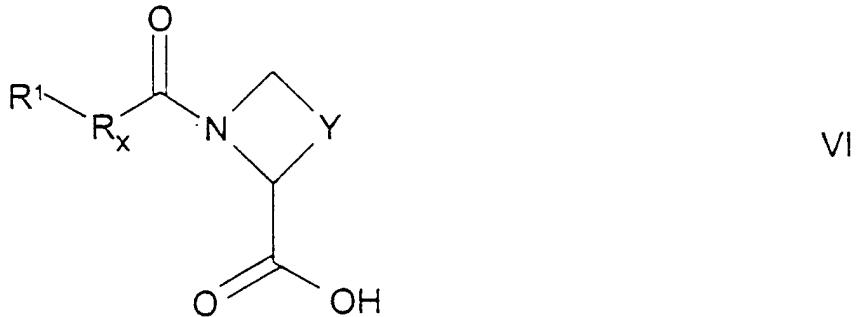


wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sub>x</sub> are as defined in Claim 1 with a compound of formula V,



wherein R<sup>y</sup>, Y, n and B are as defined in Claim 1;

- (ii) the coupling of a compound of formula VI,

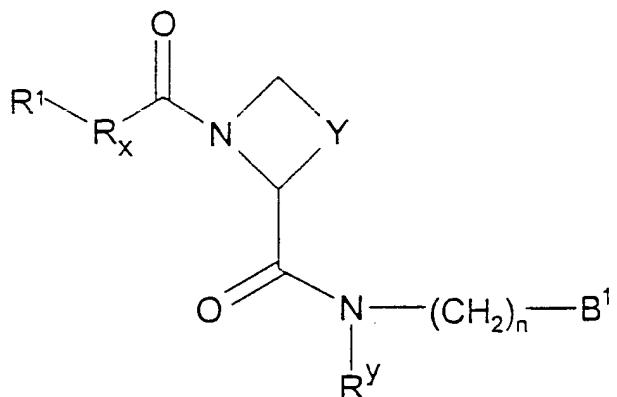


wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sub>x</sub> and Y are as defined in Claim 1 with a compound of formula VII,



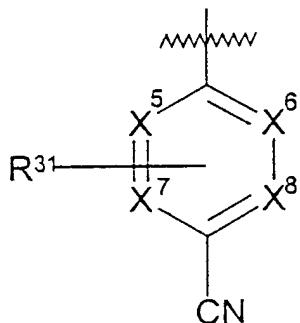
wherein R<sup>y</sup>, n and B are as defined in Claim 1;

- (iii) for compounds of formula I in which D<sup>1</sup> or D<sup>2</sup> represents OR<sup>a</sup> or NHR<sup>a</sup>, reaction of a compound of formula VIII,

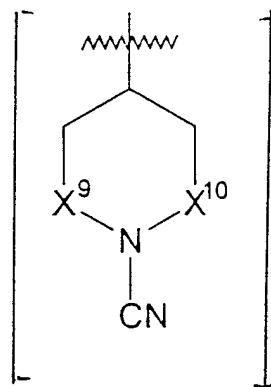


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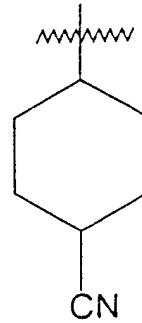
wherein  $\text{B}^1$  represents a structural fragment of formula IIId, IIIe or IIIf



III d



III e



III f

and  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}_x$ ,  $\text{Y}$ ,  $\text{R}^y$ ,  $n$ ,  $\text{R}^{31}$ ,  $\text{X}^5$ ,  $\text{X}^6$ ,  $\text{X}^7$  [ $\text{X}^8$ ,  $\text{X}^9$ ] and  $\text{X}^{10}$ <sup>8</sup> are as defined in Claim 1 with a compound of formula IX,

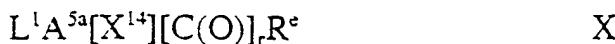


wherein  $\text{X}^a$  represents O or NH and  $\text{R}^a$  is as defined in Claim 1;

(iv) for compounds of formula I in which  $\text{D}^1$  or  $\text{D}^2$  represents  $\text{OR}^a$  or  $\text{NHR}^a$ , reaction of a compound of formula I in which  $\text{D}^1$  or  $\text{D}^2$  (as appropriate) represents  $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{b1}$ , in which  $\text{R}^{b1}$  represents a protecting group with a compound of formula IX as defined above;

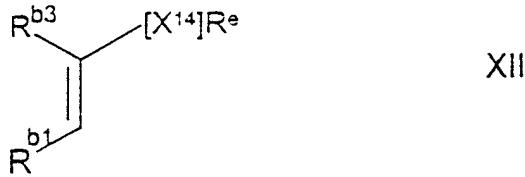
(v) for compounds of formula I in which  $\text{D}^1$  or  $\text{D}^2$  represents  $\text{OR}^a$  or  $\text{NHR}^a$ ,  $\text{R}^a$  represents  $-\text{A}^5[\text{X}^{14}]_n[\text{C}(\text{O})]_r\text{R}^c$ , in which  $\text{A}^5$  does not represent a single bond, and  $n$  represent 1, reaction of a compound of formula I in which  $\text{D}^1$  or  $\text{D}^2$  (as appropriate) represents OH or  $\text{NH}_2$ , with a compound

of formula X,



wherein  $L^1$  represents a suitable leaving group,  $A^{5a}$  represents  $A^5$ , as defined in Claim 1 except that it does not represent a single bond, and  $X^{14}$ ,  $r$  and  $R^e$  are as defined in Claim 1;

(vi) for compounds of formula I in which  $D^1$  or  $D^2$  represents  $OR^a$  or  $NHR^a$ ,  $R^a$  represents  $-A^5[X^{14}]_n[C(O)]_r R^e$ , in which  $A^5$  represents  $C_{2-12}$  alkylene, which alkylene group is branched at the carbon atom that is  $\alpha$  to the O or N atom of  $OR^a$  or  $NHR^a$  (as appropriate), and which group is optionally branched at the carbon atom that is  $\beta$  to that atom,  $n$  represents 1,  $r$  represents 0 and  $R^e$  is as defined in Claim 1, reaction of a compound of formula I in which  $D^1$  or  $D^2$  (as appropriate) represents  $OH$  or  $NH_2$ , with a compound of formula XI,



or a geometrical isomer thereof, or a mixture of such geometrical isomers, in which  $R^{b1}$  and  $R^{b3}$  each represent H or an alkyl group, provided that the total number of carbon atoms provided by  $R^{b1}$  and  $R^{b3}$  does not exceed 10, and wherein  $X^{14}$  and  $R^e$  are as defined in Claim 1;

(vii) for compounds of formula I in which  $D^1$  or  $D^2$  represents  $OR^a$  or  $NHR^a$ ,  $R^a$  represents  $-A^5[X^{14}]_n[C(O)]_r R^e$ , in which  $A^5$  represents a single bond, and  $R^e$  represents  $A^7-C_{3-6}$ -cycloalkyl, in which  $A^7$  represents a single bond, and the cycloalkyl group is interrupted by at least one O or S atom, which atom is between the carbon atom at the point of attachment to the O or NH group of  $OR^a$  or  $NHR^a$ , and a carbon atom that is  $\alpha$  to that point of attachment, and which cycloalkyl group is optionally interrupted by one or more O or  $S(O)_m$  group and/or optionally substituted by one or

more =O group, reaction of a compound of formula I, in which D<sup>1</sup> or D<sup>2</sup> (as appropriate) represents OH or NH<sub>2</sub>, with a compound of formula XII,



wherein X<sup>15</sup> represents O or S and X<sup>16</sup> represents C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylene (which alkylene group is optionally interrupted by one or more O or S(O)<sub>m</sub> group and/or optionally substituted by one or more =O group);

(viii) for compounds of formula I in which D<sup>1</sup> or D<sup>2</sup> represents C(X<sup>11</sup>)X<sup>12</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, reaction of a compound of formula I in which D<sup>1</sup> and D<sup>2</sup> both represent H with a compound of formula XIII,



wherein L<sup>2</sup> represents a suitable leaving group, and X<sup>11</sup>, X<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are as defined in Claim 1;

(ix) for compounds of formula I in which D<sup>1</sup> and D<sup>2</sup> together represent a structural fragment of formula IVa, reaction of a corresponding compound of formula I in which D<sup>1</sup> or D<sup>2</sup> represents OH or NHR<sup>f</sup> (in which R<sup>f</sup> is as defined in Claim 1), with a compound of formula XV,



wherein R<sup>c1</sup> and R<sup>c2</sup> both represent -OR<sup>c3</sup>, in which R<sup>c3</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, or together represent =O, and R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup> are as defined in Claim 1;

(x) for compounds of formula I in which one or more of X<sup>5</sup>, X<sup>6</sup>, X<sup>7</sup> and X<sup>8</sup> represent N-O, oxidation of a corresponding compound of formula I in which X<sup>5</sup>, X<sup>6</sup>, X<sup>7</sup> and/or X<sup>8</sup> (as appropriate) represent(s) N; or

(xi) for compounds of formula I in which any one of Z, X<sub>1</sub>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, A<sup>5</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>d</sup> and/or R<sup>e</sup> comprises or includes a S(O) or a S(O)<sub>2</sub> group, oxidation of a corresponding compound of formula I (or a compound corresponding to a compound of formula I) wherein Z, X<sub>1</sub>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, A<sup>5</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>d</sup> and/or R<sup>e</sup> (as appropriate) comprise(s) or include(s) a S group;

- (xii) for compounds of formula I in which D<sup>1</sup> and D<sup>2</sup> both represent H, removal of a OR<sup>a</sup>, NHR<sup>a</sup> or C(=X<sup>11</sup>)X<sup>12</sup>R<sup>b</sup> group (in which R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, X<sup>11</sup> and X<sup>12</sup> are as defined in Claim 1), or removal of a structural fragment of formula IVa as defined in Claim 1, from a corresponding compound of formula I; or
- (xiii) introduction and/or interconversion of a substituent on an aromatic and/or non-aromatic, carbocyclic and/or heterocyclic ring in a corresponding compound of formula I.